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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number	10/025,156
Filing Date	12/18/2001
First Named Inventor	David E. Frederickson
Art Unit	1762
Examiner Name	Frederick John Parker
Attorney Docket Number	13477 (6365/84529)

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application

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1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on 05/06/2003

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)

b. ☒ Other Communication

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 23-0920

i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 750.00 enclosed

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Date

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Applicant: David E. Fredericksen

Group No.: 1762

Serial No.: 10/025,156

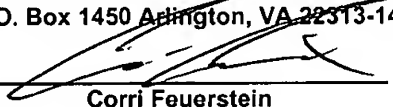
Examiner: Frederick John Parker

Filed: December 18, 2001

For: METHOD FOR POWDER
COATING PLASTIC ARTICLES
AND ARTICLES MADE
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Attorney

Docket No.: 13477 (6365/84529)

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Sir:

Prior to Examination of the present Request for Continued Examination (RCE),
Applicant respectfully requests:

1. That the Examiner consider the following brief remarks; and
2. THAT THE EXAMINER CONTACT THE UNDERSIGNED FOR A TELEPHONE
INTERVIEW.

In connection with the pending claims, it is Applicant's position that the claims require that the polymeric powder coating be applied with the substrate at a temperature that is below the curing temperature (or cross linking temperature) of the polymeric coating. This, Applicant submits is in complete contrast to the disclosure of Leach, U.S. Patent No. 5,338,578 in that Leach teaches heating the substrate above the cross linking or curing temperature prior to the application of the powder coating.

The undersigned looks forward to speaking with Examiner Parker regarding this very important distinction prior to examination of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) \$750.00

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Deposit Account Number: 23-0920

Deposit Account Name: Welsh & Katz, Ltd.

The Commissioner is authorized to: (check all that apply)

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					(\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND

Total Claims		Extra Claims		Fee from below		Fee Paid
		-20** =	0	X		0.00
Independent Claims		-3** =	0	X		0.00
Multiple Dependent						

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1202	18	2202	9	
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)				

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non - English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	750.00
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify)					
SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)					\$750.00

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